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German NGR General Von Butler reported to General Norstad

October 18 following return from trip to Bonn on his impressions of
attitude of FRG towards probes and possible subsequent selected
offensive operations. Von Butler stated he had discussed matter at
length with Strauss and that latter had informed him he had made
available to Chancellor a copy of Von Butler's report of General
Norstad's original de marche on this subject.

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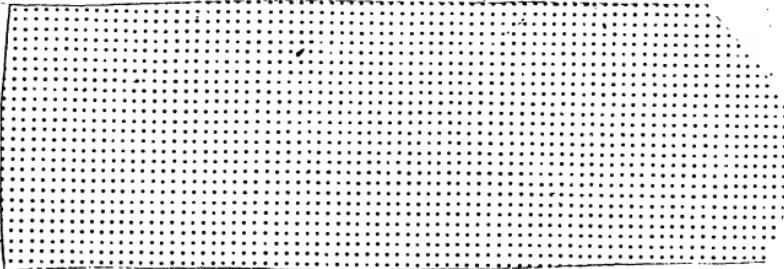
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Von Butler said Strauss definitely plans to come to Paris to see General Norstad but cannot do so until government is formed.

In connection with possible Adenauer visit to Washington, Von Butler hinted that it would be desirable to have Strauss present as well as Von Brentano when Chancellor talks to President. General Norstad concurs and suggests U.S. might take initiative to suggest tactfully that it would be helpful to have Strauss present when over-all matters of defense are under consideration.

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